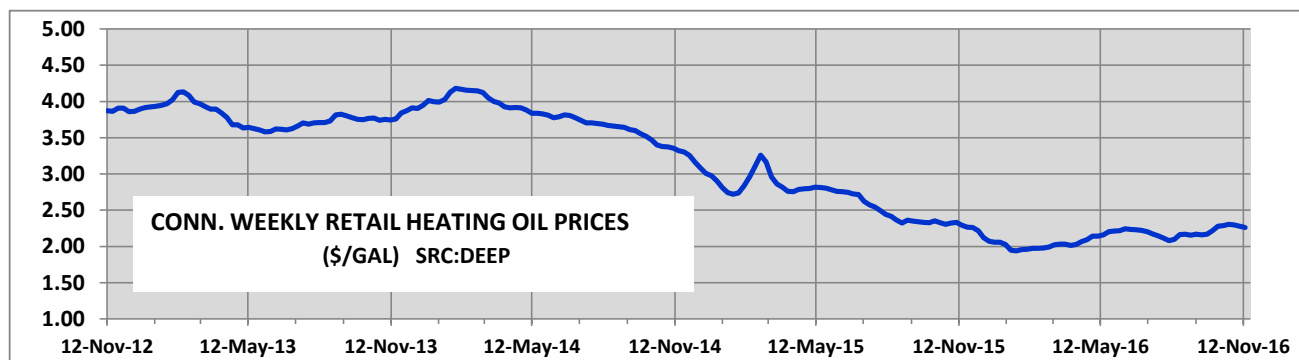


The average Hartford/Bradley temperature for the past 7 days was 46 degrees; 2 degrees below last year's average but 2 degrees above normal. Cumulative Hartford/Bradley heating degree days through November 16 were 5.8% above last year but 18.7% less than normal. Nationally, for the week ending November 15, heating degree days were 9.1% below a year ago and 21.7% below normal. Nationally, cumulative heating degree days through November 15 were 40.7% less than normal and 24.4% lower than last year.



Connecticut retail heating oil prices ebb and flow with the price of crude oil, heating degree day totals, and heating oil inventories. With April and May 2016 being colder than normal and crude prices reaching into the \$50's, retail prices rose by 23 cents from April to mid-June. With crude oil prices easing, heating demand disappearing, and heating oil inventories growing, retail heating oil prices fell by 16.6 cents over the following 8 weeks. With crude oil prices now above last year's prices, the difference in retail prices between this year and a year ago has shrunk. At \$2.263/gal, retail heating oil is only 2.8 cents (1.2%) less than last year. For the October 2015 to March 2016 heating season, prices averaged \$2.121. This was 97.5 cents (31.5%) lower than the previous winter's \$3.096 average. The October-November average this year is 3.3 cents (1.4%) less than a year ago.

